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Federal Order 7

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USDA Invites Proposals Regarding Producer-Handlers

National Milk Producers Federation and International Dairy Foods Association have requested that the Department of Agriculture (USDA) hold a public hearing to consider a proposal to eliminate the producer-handler provision in all Federal milk marketing orders. Additionally, National Milk Producers Federation and International Dairy Foods Association have requested that USDA consider revision of the exempt plant provision in all Federal milk marketing orders in the same rulemaking proceeding. The proposals would eliminate the provision exempting producer-handlers from pricing and pooling provisions; and would revise the current limit on monthly route disposition of packaged fluid milk required for exemption from pricing and pooling provisions as an exempt plant.

The proposals may be viewed at the Dairy Programs website at www.ams.usda.gov/dairy.

The proposals have not yet been approved for inclusion in a Notice of Hearing. Before deciding whether a hearing will be held, USDA is providing the opportunity for interested parties to submit additional proposals regarding the elimination of the producer-handler provision and the revision of the exempt plant provision in all Federal milk marketing orders.

The preferred method of submission is via email. Electronic submissions should be emailed to amsdairycomments@usda.gov. Proposals can also be mailed to: Deputy Administrator, USDA/AMS/Dairy Programs, STOP-0231-Room 2971, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20250-0225. Proposals must be received by March 9, 2009.

Each proposal should be accompanied by a comprehensive statement on the need for the proposal. The statement will be (continued on pg. 4)

Uniform Price Lower

The uniform price in Fulton County, GA, was \$16.62 per hundredweight of milk at 3.5 percent butterfat for the month of January. The uniform price is \$0.23 lower than the previous month and is \$5.84 less than January of last year.

Class I utilization was 68.14 percent in January, an increase of 1.46 percent compared with the previous month and an increase of 1.58 percent compared with January of last year.

National Dairy Situation

The USDA estimates that the total U.S. production of milk in December was 15.85 billion pounds, an increase of 1.4 percent from December 2007 and an increase of 1.0 percent when compared with November 2008 on a daily average basis. Total cheese output (excluding cottage cheese) was 857 million pounds, 1.1 percent above December 2007 and 4.0 percent above November 2008. Butter production was 156 million pounds, 10.1 percent above December 2007 and 16.5 percent above November 2008.

Nonfat dry milk powder production was 155 million pounds in December, 42.6% percent higher than December 2007 and 11.1% percent higher than November 2008 on a daily average basis. Dry whey production was 91.2 million pounds in December, a 6.5 percent decrease from December of last year and a 4.3 percent increase from last month on a daily average basis. The milk-feed price ratio was 1.69 in January.

Transportation Credit Update

Preliminary claims on the Federal Order 7 transportation credit balancing fund for January 2009 were made for \$1,932,783.74. Since the available balance was \$1,240,999.62, eligible claims were paid at the rate of approximately \$0.64 on the dollar.

F.O. 7 - SOUTHEAST: CALCULATION OF UNIFORM PRICES - JANUARY 2009

Calculation of Uniform Butterfat Price:

	<u>Utilization</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Price/lb.</u>	<u>Value</u>
Class I Butterfat	36.81%	8,363,921	\$1.3983	\$ 11,695,270.73
Class I Differential at Location				277,213.49
Class II Butterfat	20.80%	4,724,068	\$1.1154	5,269,225.50
Class III Butterfat	14.54%	3,302,284	\$1.1084	3,660,251.57
Class IV Butterfat	27.85%	6,325,530	\$1.1084	7,011,217.44
Total Butterfat	100.00%	22,715,803		\$ 27,913,178.73

Uniform Butterfat Price per lb. (Fulton County, Georgia): **\$1.2288**

Calculation of Uniform Skim Milk Price

	<u>Utilization</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Price per unit</u>	<u>Value</u>
Producer Milk				
Class I Skim Milk	69.35%	405,139,064	\$11.24 /cwt.	\$ 45,537,630.80
Class I Butterfat	36.81%	8,363,921	\$1.3983 /lb.	11,695,270.73
Class I Differential at Location		413,502,985		13,818,945.87
Total Class I Milk	68.14%	413,502,985		\$ 71,051,847.40
Class II Skim Milk	9.14%	53,383,390	\$6.74 /cwt.	\$ 3,598,040.49
Class II Butterfat	20.80%	4,724,068	\$1.1154 /lb.	5,269,225.50
Total Class II Milk	9.57%	58,107,458		\$ 8,867,265.99
Class III Skim Milk	12.05%	70,388,725	\$7.15 /cwt.	\$ 5,032,793.84
Class III Butterfat	14.54%	3,302,284	\$1.1084 /lb.	3,660,251.57
Total Class III Milk	12.14%	73,691,009		\$ 8,693,045.41
Class IV Skim Milk	9.46%	55,249,205	\$5.92 /cwt.	\$ 3,270,752.90
Class IV Butterfat	27.85%	6,325,530	\$1.1084 /lb.	7,011,217.44
Total Class IV Milk	10.15%	61,574,735		\$ 10,281,970.34
Producer Milk	100.00%	606,876,187		\$ 98,894,129.14

Adjustments

Overage and Other Source	\$23,307.40
Inventory Adjustments	\$545.11
Producer butterfat at uniform butterfat price	(\$27,913,178.73)
Location Adjustments to Producers	\$3,639,827.60
1/2 Unobligated Balance in P.S.F	\$201,586.95
Adjusted Pool Value	\$ 12.81261
Reserve for Producer Settlement Func	\$ 0.04261
	\$74,846,217.47
	\$248,936.44

Uniform Skim Milk Price per cwt. (Fulton County, Georgia):

\$12.77

Uniform Price per cwt. (Fulton County, Georgia)

\$16.62*

* At 3.5% butterfat test; for information purposes.

OTHER FEDERAL ORDERS: CLASS I AND UNIFORM PRICES (At 3.5% Butterfat)

MARKET NAME (Priced at)	CLASS I		UNIFORM		CLASS I %
	JAN 2009	FEB 2009	DEC 2008	JAN 2009	JAN 2009
Appalachian (Charlotte)	\$ 19.14	\$ 14.12	\$ 16.23	\$ 16.41	70.29%
Arizona (Phoenix)	\$ 18.09	\$ 13.07	\$ 13.97	\$ 12.49	31.55%
Central (Kansas City)	\$ 17.74	\$ 12.72	\$ 13.63	\$ 12.49	34.68%
Florida (Tampa)	\$ 21.14	\$ 16.12	\$ 18.88	\$ 18.92	81.64%
Midwest (Cleveland)	\$ 17.74	\$ 12.72	\$ 14.42	\$ 13.22	42.50%
Northeast (Boston)	\$ 18.99	\$ 13.97	\$ 16.02	\$ 14.14	44.20%
Pacific Northwest (Seattle)	\$ 17.64	\$ 12.62	\$ 13.00	\$ 12.12	28.23%
Southeast (Atlanta)	\$ 19.54	\$ 14.52	\$ 16.85	\$ 16.62	68.14%
Southwest (Dallas)	\$ 18.74	\$ 13.72	\$ 14.75	\$ 13.50	34.82%
Upper Midwest (Chicago)	\$ 17.54	\$ 12.52	\$ 15.04	\$ 11.60	14.10%

**SOUTHEAST MILK MARKETING AREA-FEDERAL ORDER 7
STATISTICAL SUMMARY**

Receipts:	January 2009	January 2008
Producer Milk		
Class I	413,502,985	427,442,652
Class II	58,107,458	54,698,296
Class III	73,691,009	109,862,963
Class IV	61,574,735	50,144,148
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Total Producer Milk	606,876,187	642,148,059
Average Butterfat Test	3.74%	3.78%
Percent of Producer Milk in Class I	68.14%	66.56%
Daily Average Receipts	19,576,651	20,714,454
Other Source Milk		
Class I	7,308,172	9,526,630
Class II	2,808,191	11,760,414
Class III	13,104,226	244,868
Class IV	8,646,598	14,788,527
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Total Other Source Milk	31,867,187	38,520,439
Overage		
Class I	0	0
Class II	0	279,611
Class III	0	1,892
Class IV	294,422	9,276
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Total Overage	294,422	290,779
Opening Inventory		
Class I	31,831,683	32,690,024
Class II	599,666	3,727,470
Class III	2,694,908	576,107
Class IV	16,004,680	13,133,353
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Total Opening Inventory	51,130,937	50,126,954
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Total Receipts	690,168,733	731,086,231
Utilization:		
Class I Utilization		
Inventory of Packaged FMP	26,214,409	36,641,462
Route Disposition Class I	414,751,960	423,225,692
Shrinkage	3,141,456	1,916,819
Transfers & Diversions to Nonpool	8,535,015	7,875,333
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Total Class I Utilization	452,642,840	469,659,306
Average Butterfat Test	2.02%	2.07%
Daily Average Utilization	14,601,382	15,150,300
Class II Utilization		
Nonfluid Used To Produce	1,670,185	2,656,995
Shrinkage	421,019	0
Transfers & Diversions to Nonpool/Commercial Foods Used To Produce/Other Uses	39,328,862	34,601,655
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Total Class II Utilization	61,515,315	70,465,791
Average Butterfat Test	8.74%	9.23%
Class III Utilization		
Shrinkage	0	0
Transfers & Diversions to Nonpool Used To Produce/Other Uses	89,490,143	112,885,830
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Total Class III Utilization	89,490,143	112,885,830
Average Butterfat Test	4.05%	4.12%
Class IV Utilization		
Inventory	21,810,248	17,880,070
Nonfluid Used To Fortify	1,220,101	1,464,850
Shrinkage	7,896,148	7,857,016
Transfers & Diversions to Nonpool Used To Produce/Other Uses	50,740,367	45,438,302
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Total Class IV Utilization	86,520,435	78,075,304
Average Butterfat Test	9.08%	9.41%
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Total Utilization	690,168,733	731,086,231

Southeast Market Summary

The minimum order uniform price for payment to producers supplying the Southeast Order marketing area during January 2009 is \$16.62 per hundredweight for milk with a 3.5% butterfat test in Fulton County, Georgia. This is .965 times the uniform skim milk price of \$12.77 per hundredweight plus 3.5 times the uniform butterfat price of \$1.2288 per pound. Payment to producers may be reduced by location differentials, if applicable, and by properly authorized deductions.

Uniform prices are the result of marketwide pooling; all producer milk was classified and priced according to the milk's use. In January, Class I use, which is primarily bottled or packaged fluid milk, accounted for 69.35% of all producer skim milk (priced to handlers at \$11.24 per hundredweight, plus the Class I differential, see page 2) and 36.81% of producer butterfat (priced to handlers at \$1.3983 per pound plus Class I differential). Class II use, which is milk used in fluid cream products and miscellaneous manufacturing, accounted for 9.14% of all producer skim milk (\$6.74 per hundredweight) and 20.80% of producer butterfat (\$1.1154 per pound). Class III use, mostly milk used to produce cheese, accounted for 12.05% of all producer skim milk (\$7.15 per hundredweight) and 14.54% of producer butterfat (\$1.1084 per pound). Class IV use, generally milk processed into butter and powder, accounted for 9.46% of all producer skim milk (\$5.92 per hundredweight) and 27.85% of producer butterfat (\$1.1084 per pound).

Receipts of producer milk during January 2009 totaled 606.9 million pounds. There were 26 regulated pool distributing plants, 3 pool supply plant and 11 cooperative associations submitting reports of receipts and utilization that were included in the computation of the uniform prices for January 2009. Class I route disposition in the area totaled 445.1 million pounds in December 2008.

Packaged Class I Route Sales in Marketing Area

Product Description	Pounds	Percent
December 2008		
Whole Milk	146,331,532	32.87%
Fat Free Milk	50,097,320	11.25%
Lowfat Milk (incl. 1%)	33,591,137	7.55%
Reduced Fat Milk (incl. 2%)	161,249,120	36.22%
Cultured Fluid Milk (incl. Buttermilk)	10,135,507	2.28%
Flavored Drinks and Milk	43,737,264	9.83%
Total Disposition in Marketing Area	445,141,880	100.00%
Total Disposition by Pool Plants	350,590,605	78.76%
Total Disposition by Nonpool Plants	94,551,275	21.24%
Total Disposition in Marketing Area	445,141,880	100.00%

USDA Invites Proposals Regarding Producer-Handlers (cont.)

(continued from pg. 1) evaluated to determine whether the proposal will be accepted if a hearing to amend all orders is held. In accordance with 7 CFR 900.22 and adoption of the final rule published in the Federal Register on August 20, 2008 (73 FR 49085), proposal submissions must include detailed explanations of the following seven items:

- 1.) Explain the proposal. What is the disorderly marketing condition that the proposal is intended to address?
- 2.) What is the purpose of the proposal?
- 3.) Describe the current Federal order requirements or industry practices relative to the proposal.
- 4.) Describe the expected impact on the industry, including on producers and handlers, and on consumers. Explain/Quantify.
- 5.) What are the expected effects on small businesses as defined by the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601-612)? Explain/Quantify.
- 6.) How would the proposal increase or decrease costs to producers, handlers, others in the marketing chain, consumers, the Market Administrator offices and/or the Secretary? Explain/Quantify?
- 7.) Would a pre-hearing information session be helpful to explain the proposal?

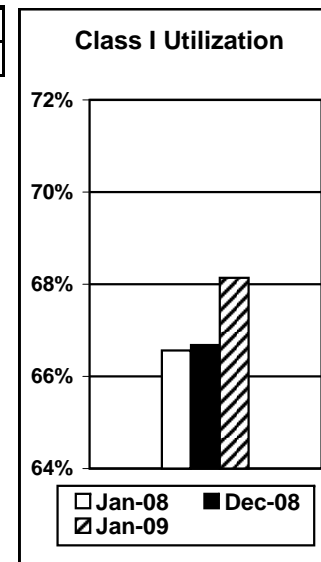
If USDA determines that a hearing will be held, all known interested parties will be mailed a copy of the Notice of Hearing. Anyone who desires to present evidence on proposals set forth in the Notice of Hearing will have an opportunity to do so at the hearing. Once a Notice of Hearing is issued and until the issuance of a Final Decision, USDA employees involved in the decisional process may not discuss the merits of a proceeding on an "ex parte" basis. Accordingly, it is suggested that any discussions you may wish to have with USDA personnel, including Market Administrator employees, be initiated as soon as possible. Procedural matters may be discussed at any time throughout the proceeding. For additional information on this announcement, visit www.fmmatlanta.com and click 'What's New'.

FEDERAL ORDER 7 - SOUTHEAST: CLASS AND UNIFORM PRICES

Pool Period	CLASS I*			CLASS II			CLASS III			CLASS IV			UNIFORM*		
	Skim/cwt	Bfat/lb	@ 3.5	Skim/cwt	Bfat/lb	@ 3.5	Skim/cwt	Bfat/lb	@ 3.5	Skim/cwt	Bfat/lb	@ 3.5	Skim/cwt	Bfat/lb	@ 3.5
Nov 2007	\$20.14	\$1.4628	\$24.55	\$17.74	\$1.4147	\$22.07	\$14.81	\$1.4077	\$19.22	\$ 16.03	\$1.4077	\$20.40	\$ 19.12	\$1.4310	\$23.46
Dec	\$18.75	\$1.4430	\$23.14	\$16.35	\$1.4418	\$20.82	\$16.14	\$1.4348	\$20.60	\$ 14.67	\$1.4348	\$19.18	\$ 18.03	\$1.4389	\$22.44
Jan 2008	\$19.63	\$1.4643	\$24.07	\$15.61	\$1.3389	\$19.75	\$15.19	\$1.3319	\$19.32	\$ 12.05	\$1.3319	\$16.29	\$ 18.26	\$1.3813	\$22.46
Feb	\$18.54	\$1.3970	\$22.78	\$14.39	\$1.3080	\$18.46	\$12.93	\$1.3010	\$17.03	\$ 10.48	\$1.3010	\$14.67	\$ 16.81	\$1.3355	\$20.90
Mar	\$15.64	\$1.3448	\$19.80	\$11.24	\$1.3674	\$15.63	\$13.72	\$1.3604	\$18.00	\$ 9.75	\$1.3604	\$14.17	\$ 14.55	\$1.3561	\$18.79
Apr	\$17.49	\$1.3793	\$21.71	\$10.47	\$1.4818	\$15.29	\$12.02	\$1.4748	\$16.76	\$ 9.74	\$1.4748	\$14.56	\$ 15.46	\$1.4418	\$19.97
May	\$15.70	\$1.5043	\$20.42	\$10.40	\$1.5632	\$15.51	\$13.20	\$1.5562	\$18.18	\$ 10.17	\$1.5562	\$15.26	\$ 14.74	\$1.5368	\$19.60
June	\$16.97	\$1.6005	\$21.98	\$10.89	\$1.6230	\$16.19	\$15.12	\$1.6160	\$20.25	\$ 10.64	\$1.6160	\$15.92	\$ 15.72	\$1.6095	\$20.80
July	\$19.50	\$1.6466	\$24.58	\$11.31	\$1.6844	\$16.81	\$12.82	\$1.6774	\$18.24	\$ 11.12	\$1.6774	\$16.60	\$ 17.46	\$1.6650	\$22.68
Aug	\$16.85	\$1.7184	\$22.27	\$11.74	\$1.7483	\$17.45	\$11.63	\$1.7413	\$17.32	\$ 10.93	\$1.7413	\$16.64	\$ 15.74	\$1.7316	\$21.25
Sep	\$15.78	\$1.7791	\$21.45	\$11.59	\$1.8266	\$17.58	\$10.27	\$1.8196	\$16.28	\$ 9.41	\$1.8196	\$15.45	\$ 14.84	\$1.8024	\$20.63
Oct	\$13.56	\$1.7831	\$19.33	\$10.46	\$1.8577	\$16.60	\$10.97	\$1.8507	\$17.06	\$ 7.40	\$1.8507	\$13.62	\$ 13.03	\$1.8230	\$18.95
Nov	\$15.09	\$1.8768	\$21.13	\$8.52	\$1.7800	\$14.45	\$9.64	\$1.7730	\$15.51	\$ 6.26	\$1.7730	\$12.25	\$ 13.33	\$1.8125	\$19.21
Dec	\$13.29	\$1.8305	\$19.23	\$6.88	\$1.3068	\$11.21	\$11.12	\$1.2998	\$15.28	\$ 6.01	\$1.2998	\$10.35	\$ 12.01	\$1.5024	\$16.85
Jan 2009	\$15.04	\$1.4363	\$19.54	\$6.74	\$1.1154	\$10.41	\$7.15	\$1.1084	\$10.78	\$ 5.92	\$1.1084	\$9.59	\$ 12.77	\$1.2288	\$16.62
Feb	\$10.87	\$1.1520	\$14.52	\$6.63											

FEDERAL ORDER 7 - SOUTHEAST: POOLED RECEIPTS AND UTILIZATION OF PRODUCER MILK

Pool Period	Producer Milk 1000 lbs.	Number of Farms	CLASS I		CLASS II		CLASS III		CLASS IV	
			1000 lbs.	%	1000 lbs.	%	1000 lbs.	%	1000 lbs.	%
Nov 2007	582,419	3,097	409,617	70.33%	48,795	8.38%	105,214	18.06%	18,794	3.23%
Dec	593,590	3,143	392,849	66.17%	59,990	10.11%	97,737	16.47%	43,014	7.25%
Jan 2008	642,148	3,068	427,443	66.56%	54,698	8.52%	109,863	17.11%	50,144	7.81%
Feb	606,111	2,989	389,276	64.22%	69,259	11.43%	94,584	15.61%	52,992	8.74%
Mar	614,369	2,948	398,126	64.80%	83,411	13.58%	82,833	13.48%	49,999	8.14%
Apr	608,631	2,943	388,115	63.76%	81,108	13.33%	100,604	16.53%	38,804	6.38%
May	597,176	2,956	386,639	64.74%	79,323	13.28%	96,547	16.17%	34,668	5.81%
June	493,500	2,666	346,682	70.25%	71,361	14.46%	27,363	5.54%	48,094	9.75%
July	539,885	2,936	365,692	67.73%	64,438	11.94%	68,086	12.61%	41,668	7.72%
Aug	553,377	3,073	398,922	72.09%	57,441	10.38%	51,033	9.22%	45,981	8.31%
Sep	536,598	2,933	400,017	74.55%	52,644	9.81%	61,540	11.47%	22,397	4.17%
Oct	563,528	2,905	414,863	73.62%	58,955	10.46%	64,708	11.48%	25,002	4.44%
Nov	561,045	2,906	381,264	67.96%	59,573	10.62%	63,744	11.36%	56,464	10.06%
Dec	606,466	2,974	404,358	66.68%	53,632	8.84%	75,350	12.42%	73,126	12.06%
Jan 2009	606,876	2,900**	413,503	68.14%	58,107	9.57%	73,691	12.14%	61,575	10.15%



* Class I and uniform prices are at Fulton County (Atlanta), Georgia;** Estimated

Southeast Marketing Area - Federal Order 7

Pool and Payment Dates for the Pooling Periods

February through April 2009

Pool Month	Pool & Uniform Price Release Date	MA Payment Dates		Payments for Producer Milk			
		Due to:	Due From:	Partial Payment** Due		Final Payment Due	
		All Funds	P/S & T-Credit	Coop	Nonmember	Coop	Nonmember
FEB 2009	03/11/09	03/12/09	03/13/09	02/25/09	02/26/09	03/13/09	03/16/09
MAR 2009	04/11/09	04/13/09	04/14/09	03/25/09	03/26/09	04/14/09	04/15/09
APR 2009	05/11/09	05/12/09	05/13/09	04/27/09	04/27/09	05/13/09	05/14/09

** The base rate for making partial payments in Fulton County, GA for February will be \$14.96 per hundredweight. This is 90 percent of the preceding month's uniform price of \$16.62 per hundredweight.

Producer Touch Base Requirements & Handler Diversion Limits

[per Order Amendment issued March 17, 2008]

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Producer Touch Base Days	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Diversion Percentage Limits	25%	25%	35%	35%	35%	35%	25%	25%	25%	25%	25%	35%

WASDE Dairy Report 1/

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Milk production forecasts for 2009 are lowered from last month. The January 30 Cattle report estimated that dairy cow inventories on January 1, 2009, were almost 1 percent above a year earlier and only fractionally fewer heifers were being retained for addition to dairy herds. Assuming no significant herd reductions in the first part of the year, producer returns are expected to be heavily pressured resulting in a relatively sharp reduction in inventories during the latter part of the year. Output per cow is unchanged from last month. Both domestic and export demand is forecast to remain weak due to economic uncertainty. Commercial export forecasts for 2009 are reduced from last month as weak international demand and expected competition from recently announced subsidized EU-27 exports limit opportunities for commercial exports. Conversely, lower international prices are expected to result in slightly higher U.S. imports of dairy products, primarily cheese. Fat basis ending stocks are forecast lower as supplies tighten later in the year on lower milk production, but skim-solids stocks are raised as exports of nonfat dry milk (NDM) are limited and supplies burden the market. Sales of butter and NDM to the CCC are forecast higher.

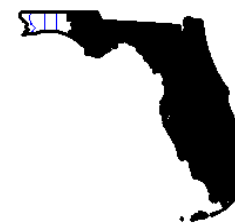
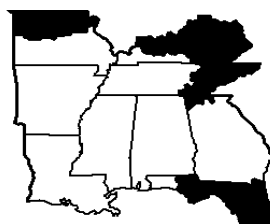
Milk and dairy product price estimates for 2009 are reduced as first-half product prices are expected to be pressured by the confluence of weak demand and burdensome supplies. As milk production is reduced, especially in the latter part of the year, tighter milk supplies are expected to help lift second half prices from their midyear lows. However, weaker forecast exports and continued weakness in domestic demand keep prices later in the year lower than forecast last month. As a result, the annual average product and Class prices are forecast below last month. The all milk price is also forecast lower, \$10.95 to \$11.65 per cwt in 2009.

1/ The World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates (WASDE) report provides USDA's comprehensive forecasts of supply and demand for major U.S. and global crops and U.S. livestock, including dairy. The most recent WASDE report is available at www.usda.gov/oce/commodity/wasde/index.htm.



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